

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-2018**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A FLOODING STATE OF EMERGENCY TO
EXIST WITHIN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a flood watch beginning on the evening of June 15, 2018, for potential rises on small streams originating in the mountains with possible urban flooding as a slow-moving weather system combined with Pacific moisture and the remnants of Tropical Depression Bud;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service reported widespread heavy rain of 4 to 9 inches that fell over the 72-hour period beginning June 16, 2018, through June 19, 2018, which created significant rises in rivers, streams, and creeks and moderate to major flooding along the Rocky Mountain Front through central and parts of south-central and southwest Montana;

WHEREAS, Cascade and Lewis and Clark County, and the City of Great Falls have enacted emergency or disaster declarations due to anticipated flooding, and activated applicable portions of jurisdictional emergency plans and programs;

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have experienced significant impacts due to the severity of this flooding, and many local jurisdictions have declared emergencies and activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOCs);

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2018, I activated the State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) and the Montana Emergency Response Framework (MERF);

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and suppliers under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions pursuant to §§ 10-3-302, 10-3-311 and 10-3-312, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property and may expend funds up to the amount determined by the Office of Budget and Program Planning to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, Montana Code Ann., and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist within the State of Montana, specifically Cascade and Lewis and Clark County, and the City of Great Falls as defined in Mont. Code Ann. §§ 10-3-103 and 10-3-302.

Upon review and as the situation progresses, additional jurisdictions may be added to this declaration.

This Order is effective retroactively to June 18, 2018.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 20 day of
June, 2018.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

Corey Stapleton by Alsa Coffell,
COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State deputy